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I COULD GET  
USED TO THIS!



OH, YEAH...  
I CAN'T BELIEVE  
I FINALLY GOT  
THIS THING TO--

UH...

UM...



WRAAAA!



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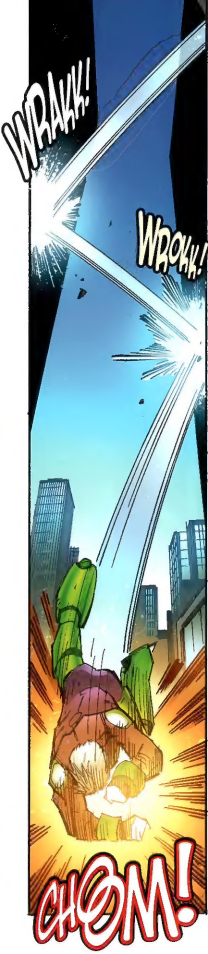
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CRAP!

CRAP!

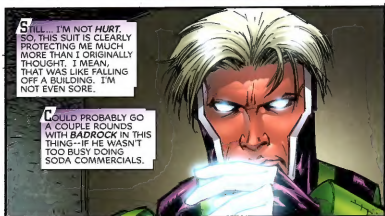


OKAY.

OKAY.

I'M NOT GOING TO TRY FLYING AGAIN. THAT WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A LONG JUMP... AND THAT LANDING WAS NO FUN AT ALL.

NO MORE FLYING.



STILL... I'M NOT HURT. SO, THIS SUIT IS CLEARLY PROTECTING ME MUCH MORE THAN I ORIGINALLY THOUGHT. I MEAN, THAT WAS LIKE FALLING OFF A BUILDING. I'M NOT EVEN SORE.

COULD PROBABLY GO A COUPLE ROUNDS WITH **BADROCK** IN THIS THING--IF HE WASN'T TOO BUSY DOING SODA COMMERCIALS.



I'VE SEEN THIS SUIT GLOW BEFORE... I HAVE NO CLUE WHAT THAT'S ABOUT. I HOPE THAT'S NOT RADIATION. THAT WOULD SUCK.

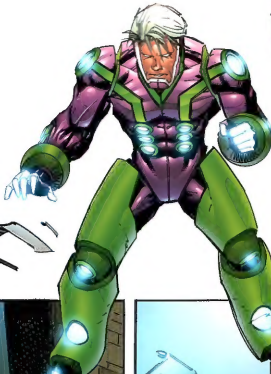
I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THIS THING IS EVEN FROM... ALL I KNOW IS THAT I'M TRAPPED INSIDE.



MIGHT AS WELL MAKE THE MOST OF IT... IT'S NOT LIKE MY LIFE WAS SO GREAT BEFORE.

How STRONG AM I?





I'D HAVE TO BE PRETTY STRONG TO BE ABLE TO JUMP LIKE THAT. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THESE THINGS ON MY LEGS ARE FOR--TO HELP ME JUMP. I HAVE NO CLUE. WHY DID I HAVE TO TOUCH THIS THING?

I COULD BE...PLAYING VIDEO GAMES RIGHT NOW? WISHING SARAH WOULD CALL ME BACK? NO, THIS IS *MUCH* BETTER...

THIS IS COOL.

I'VE GOT SOME KIND OF INDESTRUCTIBLE BARRIER BETWEEN ME AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD. MY OWN PERSONAL **FORTRESS**.

THAT WORD...THAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT POPPED INTO MY HEAD WHEN I TOUCHED THIS THING. LIKE THIS SUIT WAS TELLING ME SOMETHING.

I WONDER IF THAT'S WHAT THIS THING IS CALLED.



FORTRESS. A GUY CALLED FORTRESS SHOULD BE PRETTY STRONG.

I WONDER IF I CAN LIFT THIS DUMPSTER.

SO FAR SO--


Uh...

**KRUNK!**

WOW!

HEY!





LOOK, I GOT A CALL THAT THERE WAS SOME SUPER-POWERED MUCKITY MUCK OUT HERE TRASHING THE AREA. I SAW THAT NUMBER YOU DID WITH THE DUMPSTER AND SO I'M THINKING YOU FIT THE BILL.

THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I DIDN'T MEAN TO THROW IT SO FAR.



BUT YOU ADMIT TO THROWING IT? THAT'S HELPFUL. YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS EASY ON ME AND COME DOWN TO THE STATION PEACEFULLY?

IF YOU COOPERATE YOU COULD BE BACK TO YOUR PAJAMA PARTY IN A MATTER OF DAYS.



PLEASE, IF YOU COULD JUST--

CRAP!

SORRY!

**WRAMM!**

POWER!!

I FEEL  
IT COURSEING  
THROUGH MY  
VEINS! NEARLY  
LIMITLESS  
POWER!

IT'S  
GOOD  
TO BE  
BACK!

WHAT  
THE--?!

WHUDD!

DRAGON,  
HELP! THIS  
GUY'S ON A  
RAMPAGE!





**BOOM!**



\*DRAGON FACED OFF AGAINST DOC SEISMIC IN INVINCIBLE 49.



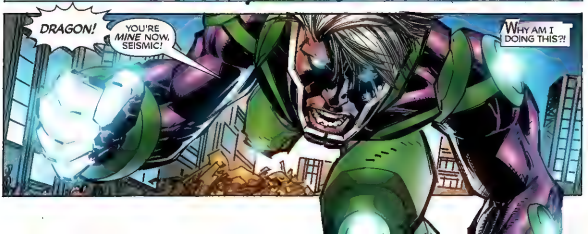
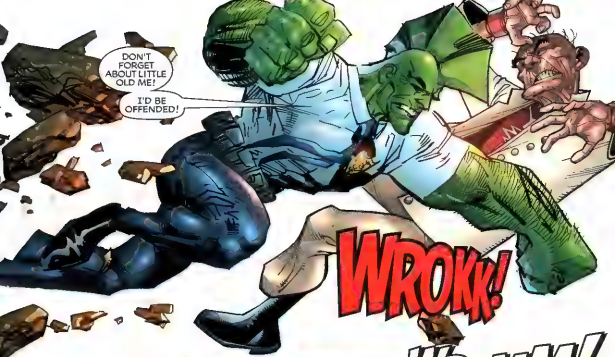
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I WILL  
BRING THIS CITY  
CRUMBLING  
DOWN AROUND  
ME!

STARTING  
WITH  
YOU!

I'M NOT READY FOR THIS.

I'M JUST NOT READY.  
THESE PEOPLE-- I'VE  
MADE THIS WORSE.  
PUT THEM IN MORE  
DANGER...



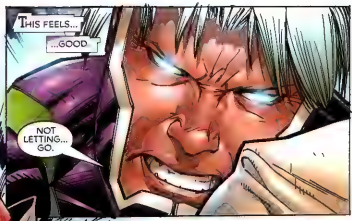




GET OFF--  
WHAT ARE  
YOU--?!

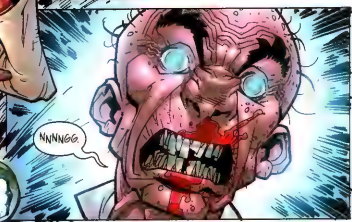
AAARRGH!

HOLD  
STILL--  
YOU--



THIS FEELS...  
...GOOD.

NOT  
LETTING...  
GO.



NNNGG.

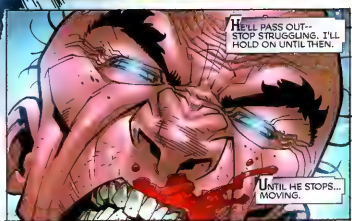


IS THIS HURTING HIM?

SHOULD I STOP?

WHAT IS THIS--WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?! FEELS LIKE--  
SOMEONE IS PUMPING ME  
FULL OF ENERGY! FEELS WEIRD  
LIKE I'M ABSORBING HIS...  
POWERS OR SOMETHING.

I FEEL STRONGER, MORE  
ENERGETIC. I WANT MORE...  
I WANT IT ALL.



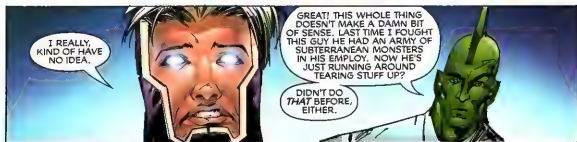
HE'LL PASS OUT--  
STOP STRUGGLING. I'LL  
HOLD ON UNTIL THEN.

UNTIL HE STOPS...  
MOVING.



THERE. THAT'S ENOUGH.

HOLY MOLY! WHAT DID YOU **DO** TO HIM?



I REALLY, KIND OF HAVE NO IDEA.

GREAT! THIS WHOLE THING DOESN'T MAKE A DAMN BIT OF SENSE. LAST TIME I FOUGHT THIS GUY HE HAD AN ARMY OF SUBTERRANEAN MONSTERS IN HIS EMPLOY. NOW HE'S JUST RUNNING AROUND TEARING STUFF UP?

DIDN'T DO **THAT** BEFORE, EITHER.

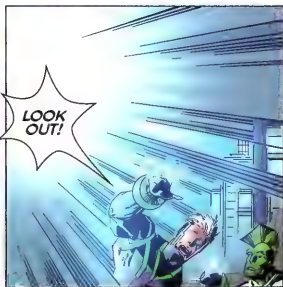


**RAAAGH!!**

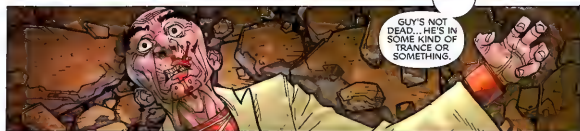


CRAP. DID I DO THAT? IS THIS MY FAULT?

**DID I KILL THIS GUY?**




**LOOK OUT!**









WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!  
CAN BARELY CONTROL MYSELF!  
GOTTA AIM FOR A TALL ROOF...

I HOPE OFFICER  
DRAGON IS OKAY.

FEEL SO WEAK. I HAVE NO  
ENERGY--CAN BARELY LIFT MY  
ARMS. IS THAT WHAT THESE VENTS  
ARE FOR? ENERGY DISCHARGE?

THIS LANDING IS  
GOING TO BE--



WROKK!



WRAXX!



UNGH.

FEELS LIKE I  
COULD...



...PASS..  
OUT.

WHAT IS THAT...?

WHO--?

WHAT--?

IS THAT... ME?

To be CONTINUED in  
**IMAGE UNITED #1!**

# The Dragon

**Real name:** Unknown

**Occupation:** Police officer

**Legal status:** Citizen of the United States with no known criminal record

**Former aliases:** Unknown

**Place of birth:** Unknown

**Marital status:** Believed single

**Known relatives:** None

**Group affiliations:** Member of the Chicago Police force, former member of Freak Force (while it was part of the police department)

**Base of operations:** Chicago

**First appearance:** THE SAVAGE DRAGON #1

**History:** Found naked in a burning vacant lot, the man later known as Dragon was taken to Hillman Hospital where he was questioned by Lieutenant Frank Darling. Upon learning that the man had no memory of his past, and knowing of the mounting super-freak threat, Darling was determined that this freak, this blank slate, not become a new menace. Darling saw to it that Dragon got a job working for his cousin, Fred, at his warehouse. When several superheroes were incapacitated and it appeared that the criminal organization known as the Vicious Circle would take over the city, Lieutenant Frank Darling asked Dragon if he would join the Chicago Police department. He refused. When super-freaks, SkullFace and Hardware, tried to rob Fred, Dragon intervened and had the two arrested. In retaliation, the Vicious Circle had Fred's warehouse blown sky high, killing Fred. After witnessing the menace of the Vicious Circle first-hand, and with no place else to turn, Dragon sought out Frank Darling and joined the Chicago Police.

**Height:** 5'10" (6'6" at the top of fin)

**Weight:** 450 lbs

**Eyes:** Green **Hair:** None

**Other distinguishing features:** Two toes, fangs, a fin on his head, disproportionately large upper

body and arms.

**Known superhuman powers:** The Dragon has vast superhuman strength. His legs are strong enough to enable him to leap a maximum height of 460 feet straight up in the air, and a maximum distance of 945 feet. He is capable of lifting (pressing) approximately 34 tons. He is very nearly impervious to flame. His skin acts like a bulletproof vest; a

bullet isn't capable of penetrating it, but a sharp knife thrust by a superhuman arm can.

**Weapons:** Police issue firearms and whatever he can get his hands on.

**Special equipment:** Walkie talkie, handcuffs, police baton.



# Fortress

**Real name:** Baxter Montgomery

**Occupation:** Unrevealed

**Identity:** Semi-Secret

**Legal status:** Citizen of the United States with no known criminal record

**Aliases:** Fortress, "The Suit"

**Place of birth:** Unrevealed

**Marital status:** Unrevealed

**Known relatives:** None

**Group affiliations:** None

**Base of operations:** Mobile

**First appearance:** IMAGE UNITED PREVIEW (July 2009)

**History:** Baxter Montgomery's background is mostly unknown. He has noted on record that he is 23 years old, and that he has no existing criminal record. Beyond that, Baxter Montgomery is a young man of mystery.

Montgomery appeared, seemingly out of the blue, wearing a powerful bio-mechanical suit that he claims found him and trapped him. While trapped in the suit, the alien energies that course through its circuitry bonded with Montgomery's body, triggering his latent psychic abilities, giving him visions of impending disaster. These visions threatened to overwhelm Montgomery's mind, prodding him to seek the help of Earth's most powerful superheroes in an effort to avert catastrophe.

He has so far claimed inexperience with regards to the life of superheroes, and claims to not fully understand the inner workings of the suit that he is bonded with. All he knows is that through his visions, he believes that a great evil must be defeated, but at the same time those same visions tell him that they may be too late to do anything.

Joining forces with Savage Dragon and members of Youngblood, Fortress helps defeat the super villain known as Overtkill who had gone on a rampage of destruction across the streets of Chicago. Fortress' visions gave him cause to attack Savage Dragon to prevent him from leaving, prompting Youngblood to put Fortress under arrest and under protective custody.

**Height:** 6'5" with the suit, (6'1" without the suit)

**Weight:** 350 lbs with the suit, (210 lbs without the suit)

**Eyes:** Unknown **Hair:** White



**Known superhuman powers:** Latent psychic abilities.

**Weapons:** By all accounts, most specifically by Baxter Montgomery himself, the Fortress suit "found" him and attached itself to him. Apparently, once attached, the host cannot willfully detach himself from it, hence why Montgomery reports being "trapped" by it. The suit is extraordinarily powerful, gaining its power by absorbing energy from nearby energy sources, draining them. The suit seems

powerful enough to completely absorb the powers of a super-villain (Image United #0). The suit uses the energy to power itself, but at the same time releases excess power explosively through vents located along several parts of the Fortress suit. The origin of the suit remains unknown to this day.



# Doc Seismic

**Real name:** Unrevealed

**Occupation:** Professional Criminal

**Identity:** Secret

**Legal status:** Citizen of the United States with a criminal record

**Former aliases:** None

**Place of birth:** Unrevealed

**Marital status:** Unrevealed

**Known relatives:** None

**Group affiliations:** Temporary ruler of the Magmanites

**Base of operations:** Mobile

**First appearance:** INVINCIBLE #10

**History:** Doc Seismic was a mid-level villain with a lackluster career. At times his confrontations seemed heavily ego-based, Seismic taking perverse pleasure in the fame and power of the heroes he fought.

While carrying out a scheme to destroy Mount Rushmore (and possibly pick a fight with a known hero), Seismic was challenged by Invincible. During the conflict, Doc Seismic fought hard to keep from being defeated by the still-unknown hero, causing both combatants to plunge into a crevasse. Invincible attempted to grab Doc Seismic and keep him from falling to his death, but death was more favorable to him than defeat at the hands of an "unknown." In a final act of defiance, Seismic let loose with a shockwave that forced Invincible away before he could rescue the villain.

While it was presumed that Doc Seismic was killed by the fall into the crevasse, some months later, Invincible and three other young heroes discovered him deep within the earth while they were investigating an attack by a group of lava monsters. These monsters were the Magmanites, who now served under the thrall of Doc Seismic. Once Seismic saw Invincible, rather than attacking him, he thanked him for allowing him to thrive in his new underground kingdom. Invincible, however, knocked Seismic out with a sucker-punch and took him to prison. Seismic bid his time in jail but later escaped aided by legions of his Magmanite minions, while simultaneously releasing a large number of super-powered inmates. The Guardians of the Globe were unable to prevent his escape but he was recaptured almost immediately with the assistance of Shapeshifter.

**Height:** 5'10" **Weight:** 155 lbs

**Eyes:** Orange **Hair:** Black patches

**Strength level:** Doc Seismic possesses the strength of a man of his age, height and build who engages in little regular exercise.



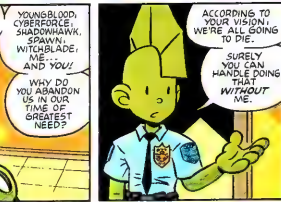
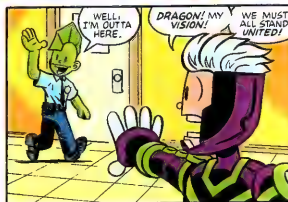
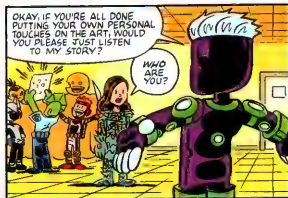
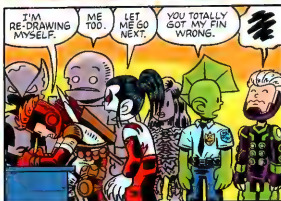
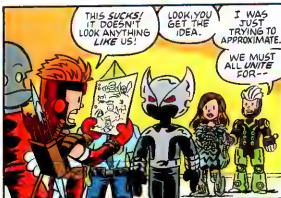
**Known superhuman powers:** None

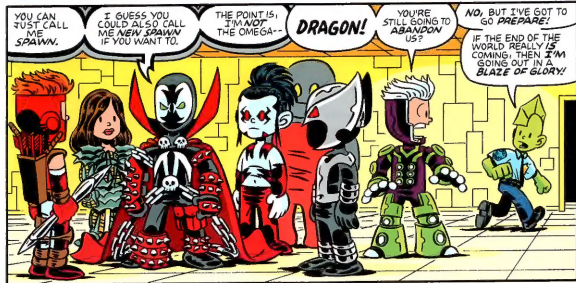
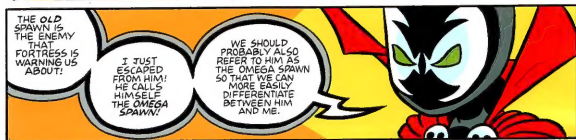
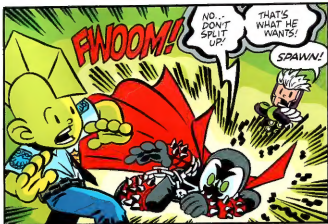
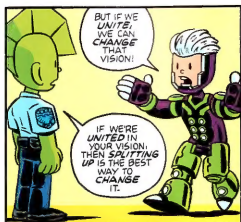
**Weapons:** Doc Seismic utilizes two sophisticated gauntlets affixed to his wrists, that when joined together create a wave of energy capable of agitating the molecular stability of inorganic material, resulting in a shearing like effect that breaks down matter causing it to break apart and fracture. When directed against large objects like buildings or upon the Earth itself, the energy disruption can produce effects similar to those of an earthquake or avalanche within limited areas.

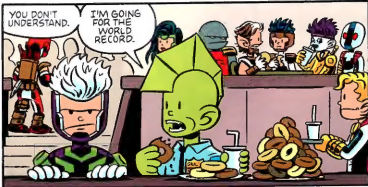
Doc Seismic need not be in direct contact with an object to affect it; he can direct the disruption wave against it from some distance away. As yet there is no known limit to the amount of area upon which Doc Seismic can use his powers at one time. However, there is no evidence that he could create a seismic like disturbance capable of destroying an entire city. The disruption wave appears to have no effect on organic matter. Whether his gauntlets are adapted technology based on another's design or are of his own making is as yet unknown.

# IMAGE UNTIED

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THESE HEROES --  
YOUNGBLOOD,  
CYBERFORCE,  
SHADOWHAWK,  
DRAGON, SPAWN,  
WITCHBLADE --  
THEY ARE SO  
IMPORTANT!  
BUT THEY WILL  
NOT LISTEN.

I NEED MORE HELP.

I NEED AN OPTOMETRIST,  
OR AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST.

AN EYE DOCTOR, IS WHAT  
I'M TRYING TO SAY.

SOMEBODY WHO CAN  
HELP ME WITH THIS  
TERRIBLE VISION.



I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT  
TO CALL THIS HERE NEW  
SPAWN-LOOKIN' DUDE!  
BUT HE SEEMS TO KNOW  
A THING OR TWO ABOUT  
THE OMEGA SPAWN.

SHAFT, DO YOUR YOUNGBLOOD  
FILES GIVE US ENOUGH  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
TO FORM A SOUND  
STRATEGY?

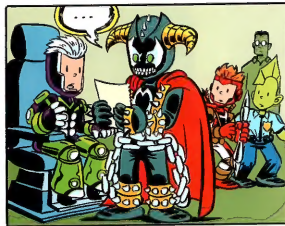
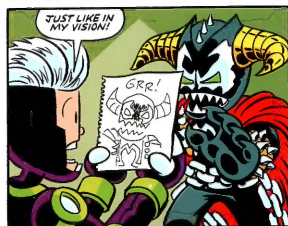
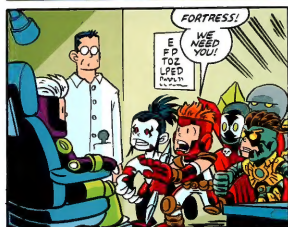
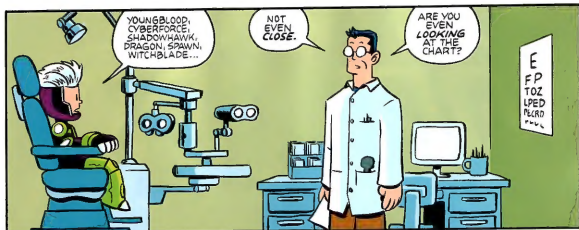
IT'S NOT ENOUGH,  
HEATWAVE! WE  
NEED FORTRESS'S  
INTEL, BUT HE'S  
GONE!

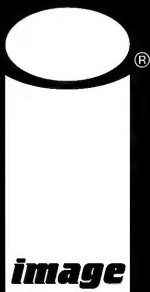
TOTALLY  
ABANDONED US  
IN OUR TIME  
OF GREATEST  
NEED!

UGH! I KNEW  
WE COULDN'T RELY  
ON HIM TO  
COOPERATE!









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